AUG 2 9 2003

Approved for use through xx/xx/xxx OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCI Under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995. no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMBV control number

REQUEST

press Mail No. EI162106239US

NAME (Print/Type)

SIGNATURE

Nanci M. Kertson

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

ollection of information unless it displays a valid OMBV control number.	
Application Number	09/699,923
Filing Date	October 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	David H. Lynch et al.
Group / Art Unit	1644 RECE
Examiner Name	P. Gambel
Attorney Docket No.	2836-E SEP 04 2000

Express Mail No. El162106239US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F. R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant materials and prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29 adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _ i. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. iii. Other Enclosed 09699923 00000092 090089 09/02/2003 MBERHE Amendment/Reply M İ. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 83 FC:1884 ij. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. Other postcard iv Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. Fees The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <u>09-0089</u> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$750.00. i. \boxtimes Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$930. If an additional extension of ii. time is required, please consider this a request therefor. Other iii. 🔲 Check in the amount of \$_ is enclosed. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED NAME (Print/Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 38,207 James E. Klaniecki SIGNATURE August 28, 2003 CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to corriplete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: